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SUBJECT: R/V VELERO IV CLEARANCE REQUEST, 12-20 JUNE 1978

1. R/V VELERO IV, A PRIVATE VESSEL OPERATED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND FUNDED BY THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, IS PLANNING TO CONDUCT MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ON THE MEXICAN CONTINENTAL SHELF. THE PURPOSE OF THE RESEARCH IS TO STUDY THE MINUTE SPECIES NEOPILINA VELERONIS AND THE BOTTOM COMMUNITY AND SURROUNDING SEDIMENTS. RESEARCH IS PLANNED IN AN AREA SOUTHWEST OF ISLA CEDROS.

2. THE RESEARCHERS HOPE TO DETERMINE THE BATHYMETRIC RANGE OF THIS MONOPLACOPHORAN AND TO OBTAIN DATA ON BOTTOM TEMPERATURES AND WATER SAMPLES. ORGANISMS WILL BE RECOVERED WITH A BIOLOGICAL TRAWL AND PLANKTON NET. A BOX CORER AND CAMPBELL GRAB-BOTTOM SAMPLER WILL BE USED TO RECOVER BOTTOM SEDIMENTS. NANSEN BOTTLES AND REVERSING THERMOMETERS WILL BE USED TO MEASURE PHYSICAL  
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PROPERTIES.

3. ALL DATA RESULTS WILL BE SHARED WITH THE GOM AND TWO BERTHS ARE AVAILABLE FOR MEXICAN PARTICIPANTS. A SHIP'S TRACK AND STATION LOCATION CHART ARE BEING POUCHED.

VELERO IV WILL DEPART WILMINGTON, CALIFORNIA ON 12 JUNE

AND RETURN ON 20 JUNE.

4. THE CHIEF SCIENTIST IS DR. HEINZ LOWENSTAM OF CAL TECH WITH A SCIENTIFIC PARTY OF 12. SHIP'S CAPTAIN IS ANDRE VALOIS WITH A CREW OF 11. VELERO IV IS 292 GROSS TONS, 110 FT. LONG, AND HAS A 13 FT. DRAFT. RADIO CALL SIGN IS WP 8613 AND SHIP COMMUNICATES ON CHANNEL 11A (SSB - SHIP TO SHORE) ON 4139 KHZ.

5. ACTION: EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO SEEK CLEARANCE FOR R/V VELERO IV TO CONDUCT MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ON MEXICAN CONTINENTAL SHELF DURING PERIOD 12-20 JUNE 1978. PLEASE TRANSMIT GOM RESPONSE SO THAT CAPTAIN CAN BE INFORMED BEFORE DEPARTURE. VANCE

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